20 may include a back portion **26** opposite the left **22** and right **24** front portions. Together, the front portions **22**, **24** and back portion **26** define a neck opening **28** and a waist opening **30** so that the garment **20** may be worn on a person's upper torso in a conventional manner. In an embodiment, a pair of arm portions **25** may extend away from respective front portions.

[0022] Preferably, the garment **20** is constructed of a flexible yet durable material capable of holding up against even harsh weather conditions. In an embodiment, the front portions **22**, **24** and back portion **26** are constructed using an enhanced strength material such as para-aramid synthetic fiber, commonly marketed under the brand name Kevlar® owned by Dupont, Inc. Kevlar® is known to have a high tensile strength-to-weight ratio that may be arranged to be five times as strong as steel. Kevlar® has many applications, including as body armor and sports like fencing. In use, the portions of the garment **20** indicated above provide protection and shielding of the wearer from abrasions, heat, and even from attack with a sharp instrument.

[0023] One of either the left front portion **22** or right front portion **24** includes a pocket **32** integrally formed into or otherwise coupled to an outer surface. The pocket **32** defines an inner space and an upper opening giving access to the inner space. Preferably, the pocket **32** is dimensioned and configured to receive a smart phone or similar mobile device. The pocket **32** may be positioned at about a breast area of a person wearing the garment **20**. Of course, more than one pocket **32** having an upper opening may be situated on a respective front portion for holding electronic devices or other articles. Traditional hand pockets **34** may also be included.

[0024] The storage pack **40** may be connected to the back portion **26** of the garment **20** and preferably extends substantially between the neck opening **28** and waist opening **30** of the garment **20**. An inner surface (opposite an outer surface) of the storage pack **40** may be fixedly attached to an outer surface of the back portion **26** of the garment **20**, such as by sewing or point of original manufacture. In another embodiment, the storage pack **40** may be removably coupled to the back portion **26**, such as with straps, clasps, snaps, hook and loop fasteners, or the like.

[0025] The storage pack **40** includes a lower end **42** and an opposed upper end **44**. The upper end **44** defines a pouch **46** and a pouch opening **48** that provides access into the pouch **46**. The pouch **46** extends a predetermined distance into an interior portion of the storage pack **40**. In an exemplary embodiment, the garment **20** may include a hood **36** constructed of a durable yet flexible material. The hood **36** includes a lower edge coupled to the upper end **44** of the storage pack **40**, is constructed of a flexible material (such as fabric, vinyl, plastic, or the like) and is movable between a stowed configuration within the pouch **46** and an extended configuration extending away from the upper end **44** of the storage pack **40**.

[0026] More particularly, the hood **36** includes a body portion **38** having a configuration that is complementary to the head of person wearing the garment **20**. The hood **36** may have an open front and at least a hemispherical or bowl-shaped head-protection body portion configured to protect a wearer's head from wind and rain when the hood is at the extended configuration. In addition, the hood **36** may include a bridge portion **39** connecting the upper end of the storage pack **40** to the body portion **38** of the hood **36**. The elongate bridge portion **39** is needed in that the hood **36** must extend from the pouch opening **48** to the body portion **38** in order to reach a user's head.

[0027] The storage pack **40** includes a first compartment **50** situated in the inner portion thereof and extending substantially between the upper end **44** and lower end **42**. The first compartment **50** is separated from the pouch **46** with a first partition **52**. The storage pack **40** includes a first fastener **54**, such as a zipper, having an open configuration allowing access to the first compartment **50** and a closed configuration not allowing access to the first compartment **50**. The first compartment **50** may define a generally rectangular space configured to receive a laptop computer, tablet, or the like although objects such as books or notebooks may also be received therein when the first fastener **54** is in its open configuration.

[0028] Similarly, the storage pack **40** includes a second compartment **56** intermediate the first compartment **50** and an outer wall of the storage pack **40**. The second compartment **56** extends substantially between the upper end **44** and lower end **42** of the storage pack **40**. Further, the storage pack **40** includes a second fastener **60**, such as a zipper, having an open configuration allowing access to the second compartment **56** and a closed configuration not allowing access to the first compartment **50**. The second compartment **56** is separated from the first compartment **50** by a second partition **58**. The first compartment **50** may have a larger volume of interior space than the volume of the first compartment **50** and may allow a greater volume and variation of objects to be stored therein. For instance, the second compartment **56** would be appropriate for containing items such as books, clothing, computer cables, or the like.

[0029] In another aspect, a handle **62** may be mounted to the upper end **44** of the storage pack **40**. The handle **62** is configured to be grasped by a user such that the storage pack **40** and garment **20** may be carried by hand when the garment **20** is not being worn. In an embodiment where the storage pack **40** is removable from the garment **20**, the handle **62** may be used to carry the storage pack **40** independently.

[0030] Further, the backpack and garment assembly **10** may include a Global Positioning Satellite ("GPS") tracking device **66** that enables emergency services personnel or parents to locate the storage pack **40**, such as if a child in possession of the assembly **10** becomes missing, is late in arriving at school or home, or if the child needs to be located immediately. For instance, a product marketed as Safe-Link™ provides a product and system that can locate the wearer of a GPS enabled device within minutes or seconds. The GPS tracking device **66** may be situated in the interior portions of the storage pack **40**.

[0031] In addition, a battery **64** may be situated within the interior portions of the storage pack **40** and may be electrically connected to the GPS enabled device **66** (FIG. **11**). Further, the backpack and garment assembly **10** may include a charging cable **68** (also referred to generally as a charging assembly) electrically connected to the battery **64** and electrically configured to electrically connect an electronic device situated outside of the storage pack **40** to the battery **64**. More particularly, the charging cable **68** enables a child to connect his cell phone to the onboard battery **64** and arrange to charge the cell phone. This is an element of safety so that a child walking or riding home from school is not left with an uncharged phone and unable to call for help if needed. The charging cable **68** may be situated in an